(d) The criteria adopted for selection of persons for obtaining loan under the scheme are as under:

1. The student should belong to Backward Classes as notified by the Central or State Governments from time to time.

2. The family income of the applicant should not exceed Rs. 42,412/-(double the poverty line).

3. The applicant should have obtained the admission during current session in the course and the institute approved by AICTE, Medical Council of India, etc., as the case may be.

Workshop on appropriate models of education for children with special needs

4924. SHRI VIJAY J. DARDA: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Rehabilitation Council of India had organized a workshop on 'Appropriate Models of Education for Children with Special Needs' at Secunderabad in September, 2001;

(b) whether the workshop, *inter-alia*, recommended formulation of a National Policy on Special Education;

(c) if so, whether Government have examined the proposal; and

(d) if so, the reaction of Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (DR. SATYA NARAYAN JATIYA): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir.

(d) The component of special education is already included in the draft National Policy on Disability Rehabilitation.

Evaluation of Tribal Sub-Plan

4925. MISS MABEL REBELLO: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the average amount (percentage) of Special Central Assistance (SCA) and grants under Article 275(1) of the Constitution in a Tribal Sub-Plan Budget;